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ON NEW IMAGINE THAT! KUFM/KGPR RADIO PROGRAM: CLASSICS PROFESSOR HELPS PROJECT FOR THE DYING

MISSOULA--

A University of Montana professor of the classics will discuss how his knowledge of Latin is being put to work helping terminally ill patients Sunday, Oct. 23, at 9 p.m., on a new KUFM/KGPR weekly radio show co-sponsored by UM.

On this week's Imagine That!, UM's John Hay will describe his work translating medieval Latin manuscripts for the Chalice of Repose Project, an innovative St. Patrick Hospital program for individuals near death. The Chalice of Repose Project trains individuals in music and thanatology, the study of death, to play medieval hymns on the harp to comfort people who are dying.

Hays' job is to uncover the messages in hymns and customaries written by Cluniac monks in the 10th and 11th centuries. "The hymns calm the person who is dying, bring the person to peace and help end any kind of panic or struggle," Hay says.

Imagine That! is a new radio program designed to give Montanans a glimpse of innovative teaching and research throughout the Montana University System. The 12-segment series, which will also air on Billings' KEMC Radio and Bozeman's KGLT Radio, is a joint venture between UM and Montana State University-Bozeman.

Hay's segment of Imagine That! is the third 2½-minute installment of the series scheduled to air in the coming three months.

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